

New York and beyond. The immediate success of the blood drive attests to the great need it serves: bolstering the available blood bank for all emergency situations of life and death.

Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani selected the Guardians of the Sick for the New York City Community Development Agency's 1996 Most Outstanding community-based organization award. Today I select the Guardians' Blood Drive and its chairman, Rabbi Gershon Tannenbaum, for special recognition in light of their remarkable achievements in serving humanity. Also I would like to commend Mr. Louis Glueck for his aggressive leadership, Rabbi Shmuel Steinharter, executive director for his masterly administration, and Mrs. Esther Schoenblum, its blood drive coordinator for her dynamic zeal in making it all come together.

I hereby proclaim my incessant support and encouragement for the heroic goals of the Guardians of the Sick Blood Drive.

A TRIBUTE TO C. WILLIAM JONES

HON. CALVIN M. DOOLEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 5, 1997

Mr. DOOLEY of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor C. William Jones of Firebaugh, CA, who served a distinguished 20 years with the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority.

Mr. Jones is a well-known farming leader in the San Joaquin Valley, which is the richest agricultural-production region in the country. Twenty years ago, Mr. Jones founded the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Users Association and in 1992, he oversaw the transformation of the association to the San Luis & Delta Mendota Water Authority. The San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority is comprised of 32 water agencies representing approximately 2,100,000 acres of Federal and exchange water service contractors within the western San Joaquin Valley, San Benito, and Santa Clara Counties.

During his tenure as chairman of the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority, Mr. Jones ran the operations and maintenance activities of all Federal Central Valley project facilities south of the Delta, including: Tracy pumping plant, Delta-Mendota Canal, O'Neill pumping plant and the San Luis drain. He also provided leadership for the agricultural community's participation in Delta issues resulting in the Bay-Delta accord, Proposition 204, and the CALFED process.

Mr. Jones' involvement in water and agricultural issues has extended far beyond his duties as chairman of the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority. He has also found time to be active in the California State Water Commission, the Western Cotton Growers Association, the California Chamber of Commerce, and the California Water Control Resource Board.

Mr. Jones is also a devoted family man. He and his wife, Cornelia, have three grown children, including California Secretary of State Bill Jones, who have blessed him with seven grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker and my colleagues, please join me in wishing C. William Jones, devoted hus-

band, father, and grandfather and active community member, the best of luck during his retirement.

TRIBUTE TO KELLY S. YARDE

HON. JOHN N. HOSTETTLER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 5, 1997

Mr. HOSTETTLER. Mr. Speaker, I want to take this opportunity to commend Kelly S. Yarde, a charitable and compassionate soldier from the Eighth District of Indiana.

Sergeant Kelly Yarde is a dedicated soldier, a loving father, and a committed husband. And Kelly gives, and he gives abundantly, even in times of personal hardship. In short, Kelly is unusually charitable.

While serving under the command of the U.S. Army in Bosnia, Kelly witnessed firsthand an often overlooked result of war—clothless, toyless, penniless children—while at the same time living in less than luxurious conditions himself. Yet Kelly looked beyond his own needs and did something for the children of the war-torn land where he serves. With the help of his brother Anthony, an Evansville, IN, newspaper reporter, and a hometown radio station, Kelly made a public appeal to his fellow Americans to come to the children's aid.

Citizens from the Eighth District of Indiana and neighboring States answered his call, and they gave abundantly. From new basketballs and hundreds of new crayons and pens to the establishment of new friends via pen pal relationships, Americans gladly spent their time and treasure for kids they may never meet.

I'm sure Kelly would humbly wave off these praises, directing our attention to who he recognizes as the true heroes, the people who generously responded to his pleas. Yet it is fitting to commend Kelly Yarde, a catalyst for giving, an example of charity, and an exemplary U.S. soldier serving his Nation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 5, 1997

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, I wish the RECORD to state that during rollcall vote 364, on H.R. 2159, the foreign operations appropriations bill, I was on the floor of the House, I inserted my voting card into the electronic voting machine and voted for passage of the bill. For some reason my vote was not recorded and therefore I am listed as having not voted.

Please let the RECORD reflect that I was present for the vote, as evidenced by my votes on all of the preceding amendments, and I voted in favor of passage of H.R. 2159, the foreign operations appropriations bill.

A TRIBUTE TO JEROME TOWNSHIP FIRE CHIEF ALLEN COLE

HON. DAVE CAMP

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 5, 1997

Mr. CAMP. Mr. Speaker, the poet T.S. Eliot wrote that "water and fire shall rot the marred

foundations we forgot, of sanctuary and choir; this is the death of water and fire." For 50 years, the foundations and sanctuaries of Jerome Township were not forgotten, and because of one man's work, far fewer have suffered the death of water and fire.

Today we honor a man who has not only protected our sanctuaries, but our homes and hearths as well; who stood by the foundations of his community and in doing so, fortified its stones. Fire Chief Allen Cole built the Jerome Township Fire Department stone by stone, starting 50 years ago with little more than a converted fire truck Cole kept as his wrecker service he'd opened in 1935. With his wife, Lydia, acting as a dispatcher, citizens reporting a fire could call Cole's garage and know that help was on the way.

In an era when fire was a community's greatest enemy, and was ravaging America's towns and cities, Allen Cole stood watch over Jerome Township, protecting property and citizens from an enemy known for launching deadly, surprise attacks under cover of darkness.

Allen Cole was no stranger to the surprise attacks of fire. Once, while fighting a house fire in Homer Township, he fell through the roof of a burning home, only to slide down the hose—still battling the flames—and emerge through the front door unscathed. Allen Cole today enters retirement, but his commitment and heroism will remain.

He also bestows to the community a fire department that has grown and nourished generations of firefighters to carry on his legacy. For protecting the families of Jerome Township from the destructive power of fire for a half-century, we thank Chief Allen Cole for his service and dedication, and bestow upon him our highest esteem.

SALUTE TO ROCKWALL ACADEMIC BOOSTER CLUB

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 5, 1997

Mr. HALL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, as our Nation's young people return to school for the beginning of a new year, we are reminded of the importance of education in their lives and our responsibility not only to provide a quality education for them but also to encourage their efforts, build their self-esteem, and motivate them to aspire to a standard of excellence in all that they do.

This is a responsibility shared by all of us—by parents, teachers, school administrators, Government, and the community at large. Today it is my privilege to pay tribute to a community organization in my home town of Rockwall, TX, the Rockwall Academic Booster Club, that was recently formed with these goals in mind.

Beginning this year, the Academic Booster Club will present a letter jacket patch to those students who received straight A's for two consecutive semesters of the previous academic year. The first awards ceremony will take place on Tuesday, September 9, when some 40 students from two middle schools will receive a jacket patch. The letter program is being underwritten by Rockwall Women's League and Rockwall Newcomers Club.